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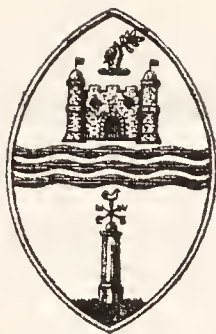
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THE HEALTH COMMITTEE, 1949.

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NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health:

D. D. Payne, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health:

H. O. M. Bryant, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Engineer, Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector:

W. H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Certified Inspector of Meat
and other Foods.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

G. Teale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Certified Inspector of Meat
and other Foods.

Clerical Staff:

Miss D. I. Anderton.
Miss P. Bailey.
Miss M. Kirk.

General Statistics.

Area (acres)	75,009	
Population (mid-summer, 1949, estimated by the Registrar-General) mid-year estimate of population for the Area as now constituted ...	Civilians 12,620 Total ... 14,090	
Rateable Value, March, 1949 ..	£66,564 0 0	
Produce of a Penny Rate, March, 1949 ...	£261 11 3	
Live Births:	Males Females Total	
Legitimate, 99 } 103	Legitimate, 82 } 88	191
Illegitimate, 4 }	Illegitimate, 6 }	
Birth Rate (Live births per 1,000 of the estimated resident population) ...	15·1	
Still Births:	Males Females Total	
Legitimate, 1 } 2	Legitimate 1 } 1	3
Illegitimate, 1 }	Illegitimate 0 }	
Still Births—Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	15·5	
Number of Deaths—Males 84, Females 85 ...	169	
Crude Death Rate ...	13·4	
Corrected Death Rate ..	12·2	
Deaths from Puerperal causes ...	Nil	
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:	Total	
Males— Legitimate 5 } 5 Illegitimate 0 }	Females— Legitimate 1 } Illegitimate 0 }	1 6
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:		
All Infants per 1,000 live births ...	31·0	
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	33·1	
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0·00	
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis 2 ...	Rate 0·16	
Deaths from other Tuberculous Diseases 2 ...	„ 0·16	
Deaths from Scarlet Fever ... Nil	„ 0·00	
Deaths from Diphtheria ... Nil	„ 0·00	
Deaths from Typhoid and Paratyphoid Nil	„ 0·00	
Deaths from Measles ... Nil	„ 0·00	
Deaths from Whooping Cough ... 1	„ 0·08	
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) Nil	„ 0·00	
Deaths from Cancer ... 18	„ 1·43	

To the Chairman and Members of the

NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of your district for the year 1949.

I desire to acknowledge the support and assistance I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council during the year and to record my appreciation of the work of Mr. Dingsdale and his staff.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. D. PAYNE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,
Nidderdale Rural District Council Offices,
Knaresborough.

July, 1950.

Causes of Death in Nidderdale Rural District, 1949

Causes of Death.				1949	
				Male	Female
(Civilians only). All Causes				84	85
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	—	—
2	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	—	—
3	Scarlet Fever	...	...	—	—
4	Whooping Cough	...	...	—	1
5	Diphtheria	...	...	—	—
6	Tuberculosis of Respiratory System			1	1
7	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...		1	1
8	Syphilitic Disease	...	...	—	—
9	Influenza	...	...	1	1
10	Measles	...	...	—	—
11	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis			—	1
12	Acute Infectious Encephalitis	...		—	—
13M	Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males Only)	...	...	2	—
13F	Cancer of Uterus (females only)	...		—	—
14	Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	...		2	1
15	Cancer of Breast	...	...	—	3
16	Cancer of other sites	...	...	5	5
17	Diabetes	...	...	1	—
18	Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	...		6	6
19	Heart Disease	...	...	33	40
20	Other Diseases of Circulatory System			2	3
21	Bronchitis	...	...	4	6
22	Pneumonia	...	...	3	4
23	Other Respiratory Diseases	...		1	1
24	Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum			—	—
25	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	...		—	—
26	Appendicitis	...	...	1	1
27	Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	3	2
28	Nephritis	...	...	4	3
29	Puerperal and post-abortion Sepsis	...		—	—
30	Other Maternal Causes	...	...	—	—
31	Premature Birth	...	...	1	—
32	Congenital Malformations, Birth Injury, Infantile Disease	...	...	3	1
33	Suicide	...	...	—	1
34	Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	—	—
35	Other Violent Causes	...	...	2	1
36	All other Causes	...	...	8	2
Total				169	

(A) STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1—Population.

For the year 1949 the Registrar General gave two population figures the first, 12,620 refers to Civilians only, and the second 14,090 the total population, includes persons serving in H.M. Forces, and also persons serving in the Navy, Army or Air Forces of any other Country.

2—Social Conditions.

The chief industry of the District is Agriculture and in every village communal life is based upon farming.

3—Births.

The number of live births registered during 1949 within the area according to the Registrar-General's corrected* figure was 191, 103 males and 88 females. The birth rate is 15.1 per thousand of the population. In 1948 the number of live births registered was 200.

There were 10 illegitimate births, 4 males, and 6 females, representing 5.2 per cent. of the live births. The corresponding figure for 1948 was 8.7 per cent.

Still Births.

3 still births, 2 males and 1 female, were registered, as compared with 5 (all females) registered during 1948. This gives a rate of 15.5 (live and still-births) and a still-birth rate of 0.24 per thousand of the population compared with the still-birth rate for England and Wales of 0.39.

4—Deaths.

The number of deaths during the year corrected* by the Registrar General, was 169; 84 males and 85 females. The Crude Death Rate is 13.4 per 1,000 but when corrected in accordance with the comparability factor the rate is reduced to 12.2 per 1,000 which is 0.5 above the rate for England and Wales (11.7).

Of the total number of registered deaths 3 occurred in Institutions.

5—Infant Mortality.

During the year 6 resident infants, 5 males and 1 female, died before reaching their first birthday. The Infant Mortality is 31 per thousand live births as compared with 35 per thousand during the preceding year.

6—Maternal Mortality.

No deaths due to child-birth were registered during the year within the area.

* The corrections made by the Registrar-General adjust the number for inward and outward transfers.

(B) GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES
IN THE AREA.

1—Public Health Officers of the Authority.

The names and qualifications of these are set out on page 3.

2—Health Services.

(a) **Laboratory Facilities.**

(1) Chemical.

The chemical analysis of milk and foodstuffs is carried out at the laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service and the chemical analysis of water is undertaken by Messrs. Richardson and Jaffe, Bradford.

(2) Bacteriological.

Bacteriological examination of clinical material (throat swabs, etc.) is undertaken either at the Laboratory of the Harrogate General Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory at Wakefield. The latter Laboratory also undertakes the examination of milk for tubercle bacilli and the bacteriological examination of water samples.

(b) **Ambulance Facilities.**

The Ambulance services of the West Riding County Council are provided from a main Depot situated at Leadhall Grange, Harrogate, with Sub-Depots covering the outer areas at Ripon and Pateley Bridge.

(c) **Health Visiting and School Nursing.**

Health Visiting and School Nursing has been carried out in the district by a whole time Health Visitor living at Hessay and a part time School Nurse and a part time Health Visitor who are resident in Harrogate.

(d) **School Medical Services.**

These Services are administered by the West Riding County Council through the Divisional School Medical Officer. School children are medically examined periodically at Schools at routine medical inspections, and any cases found to require treatment are referred, where necessary, to their private practitioner or to Specialist Clinics in Knaresborough and Harrogate.

These Specialist Clinics include the following:—

Ophthalmic, Orthopaedic, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics and a clinic for children with defective speech. There is also in Harrogate a General School Clinic for cases requiring a more complete examination than is possible at the Schools.

A new departure which commenced in September, 1949, was the setting up of a Clinic for cases with heart abnormalities.

This Clinic is staffed by Dr. C. W. Curtis Bain, a heart Specialist, and Dr. L. J. Prosser, a Children's Physician. When necessary, cases are sent to Hospital for X-ray examination and for investigation.

Parents and the Headmasters of School Children are advised if any special restrictions or limitations should be imposed in particular cases. The patient's own doctor is also kept fully informed of the result of these special investigations. Since the opening of the Clinic in September, 6 cases from the Nidderdale Rural District attended this Clinic.

Special arrangements are made for the examination of handicapped pupils and where necessary such cases are admitted to Special Residential Schools.

Dental inspection of children is undertaken at the Schools and treatment is provided by means of a Mobile Dental Treatment Outfit.

(e) Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Services.

(1) General.

The Home Nurses and Domiciliary Midwives who were formerly employed by the District Nursing Associations have undertaken valuable work in the area during the year.

The work of the Domiciliary Midwives has shown a further decrease owing to the fact that more confinements are now taking place in institutions than was formerly the case.

(2) Infectious Diseases

The Health Visitor and School Nurses of the West Riding County Council in certain cases visit the homes and advise as to precautions to be taken with regard to the spread of infection and exclusion from attendance at School, but do not assist with the actual nursing of the case.

(f) Home Help Service.

The Home Help Service showed a marked expansion during the year and has been much appreciated by the public.

This service is essentially to provide help in the home when the mother is confined at home, or to provide domestic help and general help in the running of the home if the mother is unable to perform her domestic duties through illness or if temporarily admitted to hospital for treatment.

(g) Maternity Services.

The arrangements for the admission of complicated maternity cases to Hospital, and where necessary, normal cases to Maternity Homes, were made through the West Riding County Council.

(h) Clinics and Treatment Centres.

The West Riding County Council maintain Ante-Natal Clinics and Child Welfare Clinics at Boroughbridge and Knaresborough, and Child Welfare Clinics at Poppleton and Whixley. School Clinics are held at Fysche Hall, Isles Lane, Knaresborough.

(i) Hospitals.

There are no Hospitals in the area, arrangements are made when necessary for patients to be admitted to the General and Special Hospitals in the neighbouring towns.

(j) Small-pox.

Arrangements for the admission of small-pox cases to Hospital are undertaken in conjunction with the Leeds Regional Hospital Board.

(C) PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

1—Scarlet Fever.

15 cases were notified during the year as compared with 26 during 1948.

There were no fatal cases and the cases which occurred were very mild in character.

The age and sex distribution is shown in the following table :—

	Under 1 year	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25 and over	Un- known	Totals
Males	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	—	4
Females	—	1	3	7	—	—	—	—	11
Totals	—	1	3	8	2	—	1	—	15

2—Diphtheria.

For the third year in succession there were no cases of Diphtheria notified within the district.

The number of children immunised for diphtheria during the year was 126 in addition 173 'stimulating' doses were given during the year to cases where the degree of immunity had been diminished by the length of time since their initial inoculation.

3—Pneumonia.

12 cases of Pneumonia were notified as compared with 2 during 1948. There were 7 fatal cases.

4—Erysipelas.

2 cases were notified, both these were treated at home and made a satisfactory recovery.

5—Measles.

There was an increase in the number of cases notified during the year, 241 as compared with 56 during 1948.

The areas chiefly affected were Boroughbridge, Aldborough, Felliscliffe and Kettlesing. These villages had escaped infection from Measles for a number of years and as a consequence in these villages there was a number of children who owing to the absence of previous cases of Measles were not immune to the present infection. The main age group infected was the 5 year old age group.

The cases were mild in character and in no case was it necessary to admit a child to hospital.

6—Whooping Cough.

34 cases were notified as compared with 11 during 1948. There was one fatal case.

7—Polioencephalitis.

1 case, which unfortunately proved fatal was notified in an adult from Lingerfield. This patient died the day following admission to hospital at Seacroft, the source of the infection of this case could not be traced.

8—Food Poisoning.

1 case of Food Poisoning was notified in a child aged 3 years. The organism causing the infection was found to be the *Salmonella typhi-murium* which is one of the commoner organisms found in food poisoning. Although the source of infection of the child was not traced it was thought that possibly the child had been infected by the mother who had herself been unwell for two or three days before the child was taken ill. The child's illness only lasted two or three days when recovery was completed.

9—Dysentery.

3 cases of Dysentery were notified one of which proved fatal. The germ isolated in the fatal case was the Shiga type of Dysentery which is a severe type and unusual in this country. Despite the most detailed and careful enquiries the origin of the infection was not traced. The sister of this three year old boy also contracted the disease but after admission to hospital made a good recovery.

10—Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1949.

Age Groups at Notification	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	RESPIRATORY.		NON- RESPIRATORY.		RESPIRATORY.		NON- RESPIRATORY.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
1-5 years	...	I	.	...	...	...	...	...
5-15 „	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
15-25 „	3	3	...	...	I	...	...	...
25-35 „	I	4	...	..	I	I	...	...
35-45 „	I	I		...	...	...	...	...
45-55 „	I	...	...	...	I	...	...	...
55-65 „	I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
TOTALS	7	9	...	...	3	I	...	...

16 cases (all Pulmonary) were notified during the year as compared with 15 notified during 1948. There were 4 deaths compared with 1 during 1948.

These figures are taken from local returns and differ from the figures supplied by the Registrar General, the latter being corrected for inward and outward transfers.

Vaccination.

During the year 80 vaccinations and 13 re-vaccinations were carried out in the district.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47—Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

An elderly woman was found to be living alone under grossly insanitary conditions in a cottage in a rural area. This woman had heart disease and oedema of legs and was quite unable to look after herself. An application to Court was made on the 30th November, 1949, under the above Act and an order for removal of this case to cover a period of three months was obtained. This patient is still being cared for in the Knaresborough Hospital.

(E)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

I. **Water Supplies** (Paras (i) and (ii)).

	Total Estimated Popula- tion	No. of Inhabited Houses	Population Supplied		Satisfactory in		Samples		
			Standpipes	Mains	Quality	Quantity	Bacteriological		Chemical
							Satis.	U/Sat.	
TOWNSHIPS.									
* Allerton-Mauleverer- with-Hopperton	151	43	Private	Supply	Yes	No			
* Arkendale	151	44	"	"	No	No			
Boroughbridge	1,790	528		1,726	Yes	Yes			
Brearton	157	45	Private (23)	63	Yes	Yes			
Burton Leonard	547	166	71	456	Yes	Yes	11		5
Cattal	130	37		101	Yes	Yes			
* Coneythorpe-&-Clareton	53	15	Private	Supply	No	No			
Copgrove	77	24	"	"	Yes	Yes	1		
Dunsforth Lower	77	22		49	Yes	Yes			
Dunsforth Upper-with- Branton Green	140	40		133	Yes	Yes			
x Farnham	136	39		106	Yes	Yes		1	
Felliscliffe	300	79	(Raw Water Main)	262	Yes	Yes	2		
x Ferrensby	120	36		98	Yes	Yes			
x Flaxby	50	13		45	Yes	Yes			
x Follifoot	420	103		350	Yes (excepting 'Hookstone')	Yes		1	
x Goldsborough	225	49		162	Yes	Yes			
							14	2	5

	Toial Estimated Popula- tion	No. of Inhabited Houses	Population Supplied		Satisfactory in		Samples		
			Standpipes	Mains	Quality	Quantity	Bacteriological		
							Satis.	U/Sat.	Chemical
Great Ouseburn ...	351	100		265	Yes	Yes	14	2	5
Great Ribston-with- Walshford ...	126	36		66	Yes	Yes	1		
Green Hammerton	477	156		357	Yes	Yes			
x Hampsthwaite ...	589	173		550	Yes	Yes			
Haverah Park ...	50	12	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
Hessay ...	105	30		96	Yes	Yes			
Hunsingore ...	137	39		129	Yes	Yes			
x Killinghall ...	1,053	294		1,016	Yes	Yes	1		
Kirby Hall ...	35	11		14	Yes	Yes			
Kirk Hammerton ..	446	127		355	Yes	Yes			
Knapton ...	101	29	Private	Supply	No	No			
Knaresborough Outer	63	19	"	"	Yes	Yes			
Little Ouseburn ...	206	59		171	Yes	Yes			
Marton-with-Grafton	421	120		306	Yes	Yes	11		
Moor Monkton ...	202	55		118	Yes	Yes	2	4	1
Nidd ...	200	43	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
Nun Monkton ...	255	83		222	Yes	Yes			
x Pannal ...	294	84		266	Yes	Yes			
							29	6	6

TOWNSHIPS

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	Total Estimated Popula- tion	No. of Inhabited Houses	Population Supplied		Satisfactory in		Samples		
			Standpipes	Mains	Quality	Quantity	Bacteriological Satis.	U/Sat.	Chemical Sat. U/Sat.
x Plompton ...	110	29		105	Yes	Yes	29	6	6
x x Poppleton Nether ...	335	98		241	Yes	Yes	6	1	
x x Poppleton Upper ...	716	206		588	Yes	Yes			
Ripley ...	230	63	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes	1	1	
Roecliffe ...	185	53		167	Yes	Yes			
Rufforth ...	249	84		180	Yes	Yes			
x Scotton ...	410	119		404	Yes	Yes			
x Scriven ...	143	41		130	Yes	Yes			
Stainley-with-Cayton ...	226	55	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
Staveley ...	326	105		294	Yes	Yes			
Thornville ...	24	7		11	Yes	Yes			
Thorpe Underwoods ...	126	36		52	Yes	Yes			
Walkingham-Hill-with-Occaney ...	20	5	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
Westwick ...	10	3	"	"	Yes	Yes	1		
Whixley ...	810	153		355	Yes	Yes	11	1	
Widdington ...	14	4	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
x Parishes supplied by Harrogate Corporation Waterworks Department.	13,569	3,814					48	10	6

* Mains extensions completed. Supply not yet available pending completion of the new water tower at the headworks (Grafton).

x x Parishes supplied by York Corporation Waterworks Dept.

(E) SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(iii) **Plumbo Solvency.**

Sampling of piped and private supplies throughout the District have proved these supplies to have a pH value well over 7. There is no risk of plumbo-solvency.

Throughout the area supplies are, for the most part, "hard"—the Council's own undertaking at Marton yields a water of some 26 degrees hardness (Clark's Scale) prior to softening. The water is softened by a base exchange softener and distributed to consumers at 8—9 degrees.

(iv) **Contamination.**

There were no serious cases of contaminated supplies during the year, apart from a few isolated cases of shallow well water contaminations which were revealed by routine water sampling. In these cases the provision of a piped water supply was secured after serving informal notices on the owners of the properties concerned.

(v) **Inspections.**

A total of 372 staff visits were made to schemes of water supply, supply connections and works in progress (excluding visits and inspections by the Council's waterworks foreman).

2—Drainage and Sewerage.

A total of 328 staff inspections were made to works of drainage, sewerage and works in progress, in addition to which 116 independent "smoke tests" on new drainage works were carried out.

The Council's comprehensive "Tutt Valley Trunk Sewerage Scheme" was commenced and by the end of the year considerable progress had been made. The whole of the village of Minskip was re-sewered and the work of enlarging the outfall works at Borough-bridge substantially commenced.

3—Rivers and Streams.

River and stream water, including sewage works effluents, are sampled throughout the Council's area by Officers of the West Riding Rivers Pollution Board. Of the samples taken throughout the year one sample was reported as being "unsatisfactory"—this related to the Grafton Sewage Disposal Works. Inspection revealed a temporary blockage of the automatic tippers and after the matter was put right there were no further complaints.

4—Closet Accommodation.

Total number of Closets in area ...	...	4,430
Privies ...	...	767
Pails or Tub Closets ...	...	699
Water Closets ...	...	2964

Further progress was made during the year in securing the conversion of pails and privies to waterbourne sanitation, some 87 being completed by the end of the year, with a further 72 notices for conversion being outstanding.

Notices are served month by month on owners to carry out conversions, and although the total number of pails and privies throughout the area is still high, improvement should result when the Council's comprehensive Tutt Valley Sewerage Scheme is completed and a modern sewer is available to facilitate conversions.

The total number of inspections carried out in connection with privy conversions during 1949 totalled 282.

5—Public Cleansing—Household and Trade Refuse.

(a) Collection.

The 100 per cent. collection service introduced in 1947 was continued, every property throughout the district being visited once per fortnight. During the year a total of 252 informal notices were served requiring the provision of dustbins. Only 47 notices were outstanding at the end of the year.

Total number of Dustbins emptied ...	3,466
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(b) Disposal.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping, three tips being in use at :—

1. Brickworks Yard, Green Hammerton.
2. Quarry, Lingerfield.
3. Howe Quarry, Beckwithshaw.

There were no instances of tip firing during the year.

Monthly routine rodent control work is carried out at each tip by the Council's part-time Rodent operative

The amount and value of materials recovered during the year was .—

1948	£	s.	d.	1949	£	s.	d.
Paper— 65 ton 0 cwt.	440	0	0	Paper— 28 ton, 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	194	14	0
Metals— 6 ton, 4 cwt.	16	0	0	Metals— 14 ton, 14 cwt.	40	0	0
Rags/Sacking— 1 ton, 8 cwt., 5 qtrs.	36	2	7	Rags/Sacking— 1 ton, 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ cwt.	41	10	0
	492	2	7		276	4	0

Note :

- (a) The total estimated quantity of refuse collected and tipped during the year was 4,692 tons.
- (b) Average cost of "Collection and disposal" per house, per year, was approximately 15/6.

6—Notices Served.**(i) Nuisance Inspections.**

Total number of inspections made in 1949 for NUISANCES only	58
Nuisances found in 1949	40
Nuisances in hand at end of 1948 ...	6
Total needing abatement	46
Total abated during 1949	38
Total outstanding at end of 1949	8

(ii) Notices Served.

Total number of INFORMAL notices served	578
Total number of INFORMAL notices complied with	410
Total number of INFORMAL notices outstanding	168
Total number of STATUTORY notices served	4
Total number of STATUTORY notices complied with	3
Total number of STATUTORY notices outstanding	1

(iii) Summary of summonses or legal proceedings (excluding Town Planning Appeals).

None.

7—Smoke Abatement.

There are very few “factories” within the area of Nidderdale Rural District Council, being essentially rural in character, and there were no complaints during the year of smoke nuisance.

8—Swimming Baths.

There are no public swimming baths in the area, and only 2 privately owned pools at :—

- (i) Three Greyhounds Hotel, Boroughbridge.
- (ii) The Hall, Thorpe Underwoods.

Routine chlorination and pressure filtration is carried out at both pools, which derive their water from the Council's water undertaking.

9—Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

During the year 14 inspections were made at shops under the provisions of the above mentioned Acts.

Inspections made under Sections 10 and 13 of the 1934 Act dealing with the health and comfort of the shop assistants, revealed unsatisfactory conditions existing at 4 shops. Action was taken by informal notices in each case and all were complied with.

(F) HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS, 1949.

Inspections.

1. (a)	Total number of dwellings in the District	3,814
	Total number of back to back housee in the District	Nil
(b) (i)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts	296
(ii)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	296
(c)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under Housing consolidated regulations	89
(d)	Total number of houses considered unfit for human habitation	56
(e)	Total number (excluding those under paragraph (d) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation ...	233

2.	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	17
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
A	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority	Nil
B	Proceedings under Public Health Acts	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a)	By owners	Nil
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	Nil
C	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling houses unfit for habitation	Nil
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ...	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil
D	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	Nil

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936—PART 4—OVERCROWDING.

(a) (1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	39
(2)	Number of families dwelling therein ...	58
(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein ...	195
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	6
(c) (1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	16
	Number of persons concerned in such cases	80

5. NEW HOUSES.

Number of new houses provided during the year :—

By the Local Authority—Permanent type ...	37
Temporary type ...	Nil
By Private Enterprise	11
	48

(G) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) *Milk.*

Total number of Cowkeepers in the District ...	699
Total number of Registered Cowkeepers in the District	691
Total number of Cowsheds in the District ...	820
Total number of designated milk producers in the District	
(i) “Accredited”	14
(ii) “Tuberculin Tested”	38
Total number of Cows in milk	4,520
Total number of Other Cattle	26,910
Number of milk samples taken by Officers of Local Authority	17
(a) Methylene Blue Test ... 1 (Unsatisfactory) 11 (Satisfactory)	
(b) Presence of Tubercle bacilli 5 (Satisfactory)	

Routine sampling at farms of production is carried out by Officers of the West Riding County Council.

Number of milk farms Inspected	...	...	172
Number of cowsheds inspected	..	...	210
Estimated agricultural acreage of District	...		59,734

There was again an appreciable increase in requests for farm premises to be inspected with a view to securing T.T. licences. Numerous cowsheds were modernised as a result of these requests to comply with the requirements for Tuberculin Tested Milk.

Shortage of staff hampered the work of routine cowshed inspections.

(b) Meat and other Foods.

There are 17 private slaughter houses in the Nidderdale Rural District, the practice of "Centralised Slaughtering" being in force at Starbeck (Harrogate) and York Government Slaughter Houses. The whole of the 50 parishes in this district are supplied from either York or Starbeck.

Food condemned during the year amounted to 180 pounds, all of which was voluntarily "surrendered." The bulk of the food condemned was tinned foodstuffs from local grocery shops and N.A.A.F.I. stores.

In no case did the category or quantity of foodstuffs condemned reach the minimum quantity to warrant notification to the Ministry of Food Salvage Organisation, in accordance with their Circular of October, 1948.

(c) Food Preparation Premises.

(i)	Number of visits to shops, stalls and vehicles or places where food is prepared	...	...	71
(ii)	Number of premises manufacturing ice-cream in accordance with Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1947 & 1948.			Nil

(d) Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

(i)	Total number of outbreaks	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of cases	...	...	Nil
(iii)	Number of deaths	...	...	Nil

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1.—Inspections : For purposes of provisions as to health (inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority.	121	21	15	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	3	5	2	Nil
Total	124	26	17	Nil

2.—Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspectors	By H.M. Inspectors	
Cleanliness	3	3	—	—	Nil Nil
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	
Unreasonable Temp. ...	—	—	—	—	
Inadequate Ventilation	—	—	—	—	
Ineffective Drainage ...	1	1	—	—	
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient...	1	1	—	1	
(b) Defective	4	3	—	2	
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	—	
Other offences	—	—	—	—	
Totals	10	9	—	3	Nil

